

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 9 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1 and 8.

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1. (Amended) A method of analysing data link messages,  
the data link messages being formatted digital data sequences transmitted between  
units, including a message type field and at least one message content field whose  
meaning is determined by the message type;  
the method comprising the steps of:
- (a) receiving a plurality of data link messages and storing same in a  
database;
  - (b) assigning each data link message to one of a plurality of message  
groups according to the message type field so that each group  
contains data link messages of a specific message type;
  - (c) within each of the message groups,
    - (i) tabulating the messages so as to align corresponding  
message content fields;
    - (ii) displaying the tabulated messages so that the corresponding  
message content fields are aligned; and
    - (iii) displaying a list of the field contents for each message  
content field, the list being filtered to remove repeated  
incidence of the same content.

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8. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 in which the messages are tactical data link

(2) messages originating from a plurality of military platforms, the messages being in digital form, at least some of which being transmitted by the units via a wireless network.

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